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**Local Government: Deepening Accountability, Accelerating
Service Delivery and Management Development**

After consideration of all presentations and deliberations on the different content of proposals from commissions, delegates acknowledge that the ILGM and Local Government in general are experiencing major challenges which should be addressed as a matter of urgency to improve Local Government service delivery and assist members to execute their respective duties efficiently: Of specific importance is the need to:-

- Improve service delivery to communities
- Improve efficiency and accountability of Municipalities
- Strengthen financial control
- Capacitating municipalities with appropriate skills and resources
- Aligning political and administrative responsibilities in order to ensure proper accountability

CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

In the light of the challenges faced delegates therefore recommend that:-

GOVERNANCE

- Internal communication and sharing of knowledge between municipalities be improved and ILGM actively develop proposals to support such initiatives
- Municipal Managers assist and contribute to improve and clarify relations between Political Office bearers and the general Administration in collaboration with COGTA & SALGA to improve accountability
- The ILGM and all members commit to contribute towards the call of the Minister to contribute towards the Turnaround Strategy for Local Government and a concept proposal submission be concluded for consideration
- The Professionalisation of Municipal Managers be prioritised and ILGM accelerate initiatives in this regard in collaboration with Academic Institutions and COGTA

SERVICE DELIVERY

- Information technology (ICT) be prioritised as a critical tool to transform systems and processes in Local Authorities
 - i.e Communication
 - Cost Savings
 - Water management
 - Meter reading, etc
- Human Resources Capacity to support ICT Challenges be prioritised
- Human Resource Technology Processes be utilised and shared amongst municipalities
- The National Department of Communication be requested to assist with the integration of communication systems i.e E- Governance

FINANCE

- ILGM to participate actively on Legislative issues affecting Local Government
- Explore sources of funding through formation of partnerships with private sector, provincial and national government.
- Financial Management Systems be integrated and compatible with other systems i.e leave Management, Rates & Tariffs
- Explore mechanisms to reduce cost associated with legislative compliance requirements
- Engage with various stakeholders to minimize impact of rising electricity fees to address impact
- ILGM develop interventions in collaboration with IMFO to assist municipalities reducing the following risks:-
 - Cash flow
 - Corruption & Fraud
 - Deficiencies with Donor Funding
 - Staff Turn over
 - Non- Compliance with legislative amendments

GENERAL

- ILGM adopt and support the “From Clean Cities to Clean Audit” programme of COGTA
- ILGM to enhance the relationship with SALGA and assign specific duties to members and NEC members to support such initiative
- ILGM is well placed to provide capacity via members to assist with Leadership and management challenges as experienced in some municipalities.
- Members again reconfirm and adopt the Code of Conduct of ILGM members
